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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR DIAGNOSING A COMPUTER
IN A NETWORK SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated February 23, 2006 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner allowed claims 3, 5, 7, 10, 13-15, 17-22, and 31-34 and rejected claims 23, 25-30, and 35-36 as directed toward non-statutory subject matter (35 U.S.C. §101). During the week of April 17th, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner had a phone interview to discuss the Section 101 rejection. The Examiner proposed an amendment which Applicants have made herein to overcome the Section 101 rejection. Applicants submit that all pending claims 3, 5, 7-10, 13-15, 17-23 and 25-36 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.